GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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REFILLING OF COOKING GAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are certain human resources problem in refilling of cooking gas in the country and several gas refilling plants have been closed due to strikes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with number of occasions when such strikes have occurred during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Kerala; and

(c) the concrete measures taken by the Government for smooth functioning of the refilling plants ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) & (b) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) have reported that as of now there is no human resources problem in refilling of cooking gas at their bottling plants. There had been a few instances of agitations/ strike by contract workers/ transporters etc. and backlog was generated. However, the same is tackled by arranging additional supply from nearby plants and/or by operating the bottling plants on Sundays/ holidays to liquidate the backlog.

State/UT-wise details of strikes along with number of occasions occurred during the last three years in IOC & BPCL is at Annexure I & II respectively. HPCL has reported that there was no such strikes in their plants.

(c) : Measures taken by the OMCs for smooth functioning of LPG bottling plants :-

Implementation of various laws related to labour welfare to ensure congenial environment in the plant.

Timely grievance redressal of all business partners.

Co-ordination with district/ state administration for resolving the issue.